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## JUDGES SEEM TO FAVOR A NEW TRIAL FOR COLLINS.

Expressions of Members of the Bench at This Morning's Hearing Were Not in Support of Judge Gregory's Charge

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 14.—The supreme court is hearing today the argument in the case of the King vs. Collins. Mr. McKeown opened this morning in arguing the points reserved by Judge Gregory on his charge to the jury.

Since the adjournment yesterday afternoon it became evident this morning that the members of the bench had read the charge made to the jury. Mr. McKeown had not got more than fairly started in his argument when the judges commenced discussing the charge. Some of the opinions of their honours were very strong. Those especially made by the Chief Justice and Judges Hanington and McLeod could not but impress those who heard them as being very strong against Judge Gregory's address to the jury. Judge Barker was not so committal in his remarks but would gather that his opinion on the whole would be against the judge's charge.

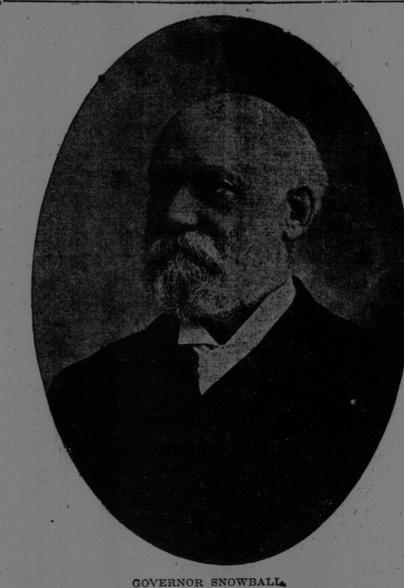
Judge Landry supported Judge Gregory, but always remarked that the opinions he was expressing were not final.

It would look from this morning's proceedings as if the benches stood a very good chance of not having to walk to the gallows on the 28th of April next. The talk of members of the bench this morning was at times lively and interesting, and Judge Gregory was called upon on several occasions to fight against what certainly appeared antagonistic opinions.

Chief Justice said that he considered the judge's charge as strong an argument against prisoner as an argument could have been. Judges Hanington and McLeod were quite as emphatic in their views, and that as regards the finding of the jury they thought that in some of the most important inferences what the jury should have been instructed on to draw from the evidence, the jury were told to take as proven. Judge McLeod said to his mind the most important point was to the finding of the axe in the room after a search had been made and might raise a reasonable doubt in any one's mind as to guilt. This point seems to have been regarded as immaterial in the judge's charge. The Chief Justice added: "I think the jury had nothing to find."

The judge's charge as regards the connection of the one who committed the theft with the one who committed the murder came in for some strong criticism. The chief justice asking the question if the jury were not told in effect "this man is guilty and this way you must find."

## CRIMINAL COWARDICE ADMITTED BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE STEAMER LARCHMONT.



GOVERNOR SNOWBALL.

## THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE

Speech From Throne Contains Announcements of Interest. Judiciary Act and Liquor Law Amendments—More Pay is Promised for School Teachers.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 14.—The 5th session of the present legislature of New Brunswick was formally opened this afternoon at three o'clock by His Honor Lieut. Governor Snowball.

The opening was marked by all the usual pomp and pageantry. Long before the appointed hour of opening the house, the spacious galleries were thronged with citizens, students and visitors, while upon the floor of the house scores of prominent people had seats. Just before 3 o'clock the strains of the National Anthem played by the 7th Regiment Band which had arrived with the guard of honor in charge of Captain W. H. Gray, announced the arrival of the gubernatorial party. As His Honor alighted from his barouche amid cheers, the guard of honor entered the chamber the members of the legislature occupying seats on the floor of the house, stood in their places. His Honor wore the Windsor uniform, with long black trousers with gold braid and appeared to be in his usual good health. He was accompanied by his suite which included Surgeon Major Bridges, A. D. C., R. S. Barker, P. S. Lt. Colonel George Roll White, D. O. C., Major Fisset, R. C. R., Sheriff Sterling come Coronet on his horse. His honor then read the speech from the throne.

Before the formal opening of the house William Currie, the new member elected for Restigouche, was sworn in in the legislative chamber. The oath of office was administered by His Honor Judge Gregory. Later on Mr. Currie was formally introduced in the house by the premier and Hon. C. H. Lablache.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne will be moved by Mr. Currie of Restigouche, seconded by Mr. Goggin of Kent. The attendance of members was about up to the average this afternoon for opening, although many of the members will not be here before Monday next.

## McVey the First to Leave the Sinking Vessel, in the Best Boat and With a Picked Crew—When His Own Safety Seemed Assured He Advised the Women and Children to Jump.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 14.—A new element was injected into the horror attending the loss of the steamer Larchmont in Block Island Sound Monday night through a collision with the coal-laden scow Harry Knowlton, when Capt. McVey, of the steamer, early today admitted that his lifboat was one of the first, if not the first, to leave the sinking ship. This statement was made in reply to charges by Fred. Hierszell, an 18 year old lad of Brooklyn, one of the survivors. Hierszell stated that the passengers were left to shift for themselves, that the ship's crew crowded the boats without attempting to provide for the passengers and that Captain McVey was the first to desert the ship. These statements of young Hierszell created a sensation in view of the fact that ten of the 19 survivors were employees on the ship, or in other words that ten of the vessel's crew were saved but only 9 of the passengers. Captain McVey explained that while his boat may have been in the water first it was because he had a good crew, and despite that he was the first off the deck he remained by the passengers and the crew until he was fastened to the ship by a rope in the running gear that had become fastened, and it was not until the boat was rapidly sinking and its occupants would be caught in the whirlpool and sucked beneath the surf.

The captain's boat was on the windward side and he said he called to the passengers to jump into his boat which would hold about twenty-two persons in all, but the electric lights had been extinguished in the collision and in the darkness and confusion no one heeded his summons. Everybody was on the leeward side of the ship and he ordered his men to row around there, he says, but the gale balked this plan and as the boat was driven from the steamer his men had to give up their task and crouch down in the bottom of the boat to escape the piercing wind.

At eight o'clock this morning the number of known lost in the frightful calamity stood at 138. About 157 persons were known to be on the steamer and there is every indication that the number was nearer 200. Seventy-one bodies have been recovered up to eight o'clock and these lie in the morgue here waiting identification. The strain of anxious relatives and friends that passed through the chamber of death to seek some missing dear one did not cease until after midnight this morning. The work of identification proceeded more rapidly than when the bodies lay in their caskets of ice on Block Island from which place they were brought yesterday by the steamer or Kentucky, and when the doors of the morgue closed the list of identified dead numbered 38. A number of persons were early on hand to file once more through the lines of dead, and every train brought more persons on the mournful quest. Block Island today was given a chance to rest from the high tension of tragedy of the past two days. Guards patrolled the coast as usual but the sea cast up no more of its dead. For the first time in 48 hours they obtained some physical relief and rest.

## WARM CONTESTS COMING IN THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The first business day of the present session of parliament has given evidence of important legislative matters in hand and promise of vigorous political fighting. Augustus Birrell's maiden speech as Chief Secretary for Ireland, highly pleased the Nationalists, and supplies the text for strong attacks by opposition newspapers this morning. Mr. Birrell was frankly avowed himself a "home ruler" and confessed that the government's devolution bills would be a stepping stone to home rule. The Daily Telegraph in an editorial article this morning says that truth like a stepping stone to home rule, and Mr. Birrell with childlike simplicity has disclosed the real Irish policy of the government. The surrender in complete and Mr. Birrell would ask for nothing more.

In the lobby of the House of Commons last night Mr. Birrell's speech was the subject of much gossip, and there was curiosity as to what attitude Lord Rosebery and other prominent anti-home rule Liberals would adopt toward it. Another matter of importance is the statement made by Herbert P. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, concerning old age pensions. This is regarded as meaning that the government intends to propose some practical scheme and that Mr. Asquith mediates earmarking a portion of the large surplus of the next budget as a nucleus for the pension fund.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—King Edward today held the first levee of the season at St. James' Palace. The attendance was exceptionally large.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Feb. 13.—Rev. R. L. Sloggett, formerly of Trinity church, St. Stephen, and now rector of St. Anne's church, Calais. The vestry of St. Anne's last evening voted unanimously to extend a call to Mr. Sloggett, which he will probably accept.

## SUFFRAGISTS CHOSE PRISON RATHER THAN PAY FINES.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Fifty-six women suffragists arrested yesterday for disorderly conduct and resisting the police when they attempted to force their way into the House of Commons, today elected to go to prison rather than pay fines assessed against them.

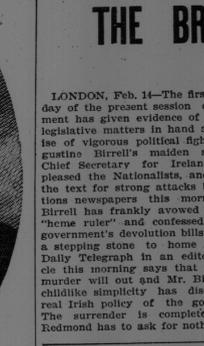
LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Tribune and other papers complain today that the police were needlessly brutal in dispersing the women suffragists yesterday. It is asserted that over 500 police were employed to restrain the women, that many innocent persons suffered by the charges of the mounted men, and that the suffragists themselves in many cases were badly mauled. Among the women arrested are Mrs. A. Despard, sister of General French, who had been the unaccepted heroine of many previous demonstrations, and who led in the agitation of yesterday and two Miss Parkhursts, who also were prominent in the scuffling, and who were arrested during the second attack upon the police, which was fully as violent as the first. In an interview General French said he was sorry to hear his sister had been roughly handled. "We tried to dissuade her from mixing in this business but if she will join this foolish agitation she must expect to suffer. It is my own opinion that the police have been far too lenient with the women."

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—Little Dorothy Murphy, eight years old, while playing near a kitchen stove in her parents' home, was so badly burned this morning that she died from her injuries at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

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## DR. STOCKTON IS ILL IN OTTAWA

Has Gone to Hospital For an Operation. His Condition Said to be Serious But Physician Reports That He is Improving.



A. A. STOCKTON.

The following despatch was received by the Star from Ottawa this afternoon:—  
Dr. A. A. Stockton has gone to the Ottawa General Hospital here for an operation. His condition is serious. On enquiring at Dr. Stockton's residence it was learned that the physician who is in attendance has sent word that St. John's representative is somewhat improved.

## PIUS MICHAUD CHOSEN FOR VICTORIA-MADAWASKA.

GRAND FALLS, N. B., Feb. 12.—At the Liberal convention here tonight Pius Michaud, lawyer of this place, was nominated to contest the constituency of Victoria-Madawaska, made vacant by the appointment of Hon. John Costigan to the senate.

J. P. Tweeddale, M. P. P., was elected chairman and on the platform were Hon. John Costigan, A. B. Copp (Liberal organizer), James Burgess, M. P. P., Pius Michaud, J. Aug. Bernier, Cyrien Martin, M. P. P., and J. E. Porter. Hon. Mr. Costigan addressed the convention in English and French and was heartily received.

Mr. Michaud made a speech thanking his friends, and addresses were also delivered by Messrs. Porter, Copp, Martin, Bernier and Burgess.

for all who are willing to labor. The great development which is taking place in the Canadian West is having a most beneficial effect upon many sections of the province, not only by reason of the increased business which (Continued on Page 4.)

## WAS SWORN IN AS SOLICITOR-GENERAL

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—At noon today Jacques Bureau was sworn in as Solicitor General of Canada. He is member for Three Rivers.

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## NEWS OF CHATHAM.

CHATHAM, N. B., Feb. 12.—The physical committee of the Y. M. C. A. appointed Homer Matthews, M. S. Benson, Wallace Watling, C. McMillan, Cecil Macneil, Clarence Laik, Brydon Fraser, as captains in the new league. They met tonight in the Y. M. C. A. room to choose their teams and arrange a schedule.

Rev. George Morris delivered a fine address on Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. services. W. G. Smith of Halifax occupied the chair. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Snowball entertained the couples who went to Truro and captured the McLellan cup. A very pleasant evening was spent at Hillmore by the guests.

Miss Nellie Goggin had a small but enjoyable bridge whist party on Friday evening. Rev. H. McTernan of Boiestown was in town on Friday.

Mrs. A. C. Woods gave a thimble party on Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDonald left on Wednesday for a trip through the province. They will visit St. John, Fredericton and Woodstock. The assembly dance on Tuesday evening was presided over by Mrs. L. L. Tweedie, Mrs. V. A. Danville, Mrs. P. E. Neale, Mrs. E. W. B. Scovill, Mrs. W. C. Winslow. About forty members were present.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. A. H. Marquis entertained a number of her married friends at a thimble party. Miss Hattie Gunn left on Saturday for Moncton, where she will take a course in the business college. Previous to her departure she was presented with a gold bracelet by members of St. John's choir. Mr. and Mrs. J. McCormack entertained a few of their friends on Wednesday evening in honor of the Misses Byrne, Sussex. Dancing and cards formed the chief amusement. Miss Margaret McPherson of Campbellton is spending a few weeks at her home here.

Miss Crocker of Millerton was the guest of Mrs. A. C. Woods recently. Dr. Fred C. Stanby, who for the past six months has assisted Dr. G. J. Sprout in his dental practice, left last night for Quebec, where he will be associated with Dr. A. Lautier.